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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

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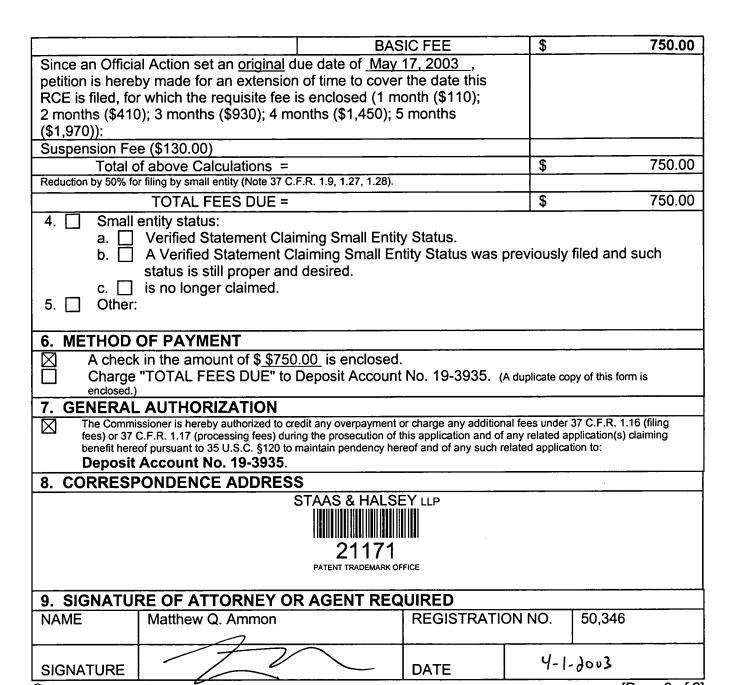
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To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents		Attorney Docket No.:21.1837	
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First Named	Munetaka TAKEUCHI, et al.		
Inventor Application No.	08/889,440	Group Art Unit	2123
Application No.	July 8, 1997	Examiner	H. Jones
Filing Date CPA Filing Date	December 5, 2000	Confirmation No	3473
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Title of Invention	APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR SIMULATING PHENOMENA OF A PARTICLE OF SUBSTRATE PARTICLES AND ADSORBATE PARTICLES		
This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.  NOTE: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.			
<ol> <li>Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (Box a or b must be completed)</li> <li>a.                ☐ Previously submitted</li></ol>			
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on iii. ☐ Other b. ☐ Enclosed i. ☐ Amendment/Reply			
ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iv. ☐ Other 2.			
Miscellaneous			
a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required).  b. Other			

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